

Minutes

Tempe Fire and Police Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Boards Joint Meeting

March 1, 2018

Minutes of the Tempe Fire and Police Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) Boards joint meeting, held on Thursday, March 1, 2018, 2:00 p.m., Tempe City Hall, third floor conference room, 31 E. 5th Street, Tempe, Arizona.

Board Members Present:

Steven Methvin
Rob Ferraro
Bill Goodman (2:02 p.m.)
James Foley
Alex Moreno
Mike Scheidt

Board Members Absent:

Don Jongewaard

City Staff Present:

Renie Broderick, Internal Services Director
Wendy Messina, HR Analyst
Michael Greene, Procurement Administrator
Susan Buck, Executive Assistant

Legal Counsel Present:

Cynthia Kelley

Chair Steven Methvin called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

ITEM I – Consideration of Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Mike Scheidt to approve the January 4, 2018 Fire & Police PSPRS Boards Joint Meeting Minutes and the January 4, 2018 Joint Executive Session Minutes; second by Rob Ferraro. Motion passed on a voice vote 5-0.

ITEM II – Public Appearances:

There were no public appearances.

ITEM III – Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session:

Motion by Mike Scheidt to adjourn to Executive Session; second by Alex Moreno. Motion passed on a voice vote 5-0. The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 2:02 p.m. Bill Goodman joined the Executive Session at 2:02 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 2:55 p.m.

ITEM IV – PSPRS News and Updates:

Local Board Secretary Renie Broderick stated that information on Local Board Training for 2018 was provided by the State Administrator's Office and was included in the Board's meeting packets. There was no further discussion on this item.

ITEM V – Board Legal Services Contract – Responses to Request for Quotes:

Motion by Mike Scheidt that the Board move forward with an interview of two respondents, Cavanaugh Law Firm and Ryan, Rapp & Underwood; second by Rob Ferraro. Motion passed on a voice vote 6-0.

ITEM VI – Arizona Legislature HB2501:

Boardmember Rob Ferraro noted that HB 2501 is a House bill sponsored by Representative Boyer regarding PTSD for public safety employees. The bill has currently passed out of the House and is navigating its way through the Senate. The bill is significant legislation that shifts the preponderance to the City to disprove that PTSD occurred during the job; it also proposes changes to the way Worker's Compensation handles PTSD claims. Boardmember Ferraro noted that the bill is backed by the Arizona Police Association (all the police associations in the valley) and Tucson. A hardcopy of the bill was provided in the Board meeting packet.

ITEM VII - Tempe Local Board Letter to State Board of Trustees Regarding Disability Applications:

Boardmember Rob Ferraro stated that he will wait to see if HB2501 is passed before proceeding with drafting this letter, since it may have a significant impact on what the letter will say.

ITEM VIII – Staff Concerns Regarding Application Processing:

HR Analyst Wendy Messina stated that the new PSPRS technology upgrade has not gone well and has made it very difficult for Local Board staff to process applications. Ms. Messina noted that City staff have to calculate pensions manually; system updates are behind; all cities have to enter extensive demographics for every application; there are difficulties getting members into a deceased status; and issues with the demographics data can hold up payroll being able to send the contribution files.

Boardmember Mike Scheidt stated the issue was addressed in the State Board of Trustees Operations Subcommittee yesterday. The State Administrator's IT staff have been made aware that fixing the system is a priority.

ITEM IX - Future Agenda Items:

There were no future agenda items.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by James Foley; second by Rob Ferraro. Motion carried on a voice vote 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.



Renie Broderick
Local Board Secretary